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4407 Bland Road, Suite 160 Raleigh, NC 27609 Delaware farmers are reminded that the final date to apply for crop insurance on most insurable spring-planted crops for this year is March 15, 2007, according to the Raleigh Regional Office, USDA Risk Management Agency. Current policyholders likewise have until March 15 to make any changes to their existing contracts. Crop insurance provides protection against losses due to natural perils like drought, hail, wind, and excessive moisture. The March 15 sales closing date applies to Corn, Grain Sorghum, Processing Beans, Processing Sweet Corn, Processing Tomatoes, and Soybeans. That is also the deadline for Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite, a whole-farm plan that offers revenue protection based on your average farm income for the past five years. Farmers may also want to inquire about Crop Revenue Coverage, a revenue plan that offers protection against market price declines for crops like corn and soybeans. In addition, low-cost group plans such as the Group Risk Plan and Group Risk Income Protection are also available in many counties for corn and soybeans. Producers are strongly urged to contact a local crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and more details. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the Risk Management Agency web site at: http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

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